



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT GERARD V. GETHING

Chief Master Sergeant Jerry Gething assumed his current position as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Joint Task Force- Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (JTF-AFIC) in January 2004. CMSgt Gething advises the Chairman, AFIC, on the health, welfare, and morale of over 700 joint service military personnel; oversees the proper utilization of all military personnel; formulates and implements JTF-AFIC policies and interprets service specific policies; and liaises between the military services and the local communities.



CMSgt Gething grew up in Scranton, Pa., and entered the Air Force in June 1976. His background includes various duties associated with a career in signals intelligence at the squadron, group, center, major command and National levels. His stateside assignments include bases in Texas, Hawaii, and Maryland. The Chief also served overseas in Japan and deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch to Prince Sultan Air Base as Operations Superintendent, 12th Expeditionary Intelligence Squadron, where he took part in over 20 combat sorties. CMSgt Gething is married to Major Patricia Gething of Torrejon AB, Spain and they have four children: Stephanie, 19; Kristen, 18; Nicholas, 7; and John, 4.

EDUCATION:

- 1984 Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) NCO Leadership School, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
- 1987 PACAF NCO Academy, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii
- 1996 Associates in Applied Science Degree, Communications Applications Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 1997 Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Alabama

ASSIGNMENTS:

(Current as of June 2003)

1. June 1976 – August 1976: trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Tx
2. August 1976 – December 1976: student, Radio Communications Analysis Course, Goodfellow AFB, Tx
3. January 1977 - July 1979: Product Reporter; Technical Reporter; Entity Analyst, 6990th Security Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
4. July 1979 - December 1982: Reconnaissance/Advisory Support Analyst, 6944th Electronic Security Squadron, Ft George G. Meade
5. January 1983 - January 1986: Reports Evaluator; Surveillance & Warning Center Supervisor; Senior Reporter, 6990th Electronic Security Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa
6. January 1986 - January 1990: NCOIC, Reports and Evaluations; Surveillance & Warning Center Supervisor, 6924th Electronic Security Squadron, Wheeler AFB, Hi
7. January 1990 - July 1992: NCOIC, Analysis, Reporting and Advisory Support, HQ Electronic Security Command, Kelly AFB, Tx
8. July 1992 - August 1996: Superintendent, Operations Inspections, Air Force Intelligence Command Inspector General Team, Kelly AFB
9. August 1996 - June 1999: Superintendent, Current Airborne Operations; Superintendent, Reconnaissance Operations; Senior Enlisted Advisor, Cryptanalysis Group, 29th Intelligence Squadron, Ft George G. Meade
8. July 1999 - September 2000: Operations Superintendent, Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center, 301st Intelligence Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
9. September 2000 - June 2002: Superintendent, 373d Intelligence Group; Senior Enlisted Advisor, Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center, Misawa AB, Japan
10. July 2002 – January 2004: Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Chief, Central Security Service and Associate Directorates of the National Security Agency, Ft George G. Meade
11. January 2004 - present: Senior Enlisted Advisor, Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Outstanding Airman of the Year Award
 Southwest Asia Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1984 Distinguished Graduate, PACAF NCO Leadership School
1987 Distinguished Graduate, PACAF NCO Academy
1992 Electronic Security Command HQ Staff Senior NCO of the Year
1997 Distinguished Graduate, Senior NCO Academy
1997 Air Intelligence Agency Senior NCO of the Year (MAJCOM Level)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman - 18 December 1976
Airman First Class - 18 October 1977
Senior Airman - 18 June 1979
Sergeant - 1 July 1980
Staff Sergeant - 1 September 1982
Technical Sergeant - 1 April 1985
Master Sergeant - 1 January 1990
Senior Master Sergeant - 1 September 1995
Chief Master Sergeant - 1 August 1999